



Brimsdown  
Primary School  
Enfield

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

The first month of school has gone so quickly and the children have settled back into routines well. We were very proud to have some of our children featured on the Sky News website last week for their work on climate change and are looking forward to this Friday where more learning about the environment will take place.

*Dani Lang  
Headteacher*

### How can parents help?

We are always keen to welcome parents and carers, wherever possible, into school life. If you are interested in volunteering in school, please contact the school office or the Marina Sophecleous and we will be pleased to discuss options with you. In order to safeguard our children we do require all parent volunteers to have the right safeguarding checks and Marina and the school office can support with this.

Parents regularly help with a range of activities such as reading with children, helping out in class, participating in games, sewing, cooking, school outings, concerts and whole school events.

We really are most grateful for all the help we get from parents and carers.

### Dates for your diary

<b>Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Polar Bears class assembly</li> </ul>
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girls football match against Ark Jon Keates</li> </ul>
<b>Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Fitness Day</li> <li>2.30pm Y1 parents invited to the hall for afternoon tea</li> </ul>
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate change activities and children doing 15 mins protest outside school</li> <li>9am Coffee morning</li> </ul>
<b>Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Y3/4 Prevent assembly</li> <li>Y5 Prevent workshops</li> </ul>
<b>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y6 prevent workshops</li> </ul>
<b>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y4 Less Valley trip</li> </ul>
<b>Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent consultation day for Nursery-Y6 – School closed</li> </ul>
<b>Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Chipmunks class assembly</li> </ul>
<b>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WOW day</li> <li>World Mental Health Day</li> <li>Y4 Greek workshop</li> </ul>
<b>Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Buffaloes class assembly</li> <li>Y6 EE trip</li> <li>Individual photo day</li> </ul>
<b>Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PC Doris in – Stranger Danger for Y2-Y4</li> </ul>
<b>21st-25<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Half term</li> </ul>
<b>Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y6 EE trip</li> </ul>
<b>Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WOW day</li> </ul>
<b>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Break up at 2pm for Christmas holidays</li> </ul>
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inset day</li> </ul>

### **Attendance and Appointments**

We ask parents to please make do their best to make sure appointments are made during school holidays and afternoons so as to not disrupt children's learning. The children of today are gearing up to become adult citizens of tomorrow and it is important that there are not gaps in their learning. Thank you.

### **Safeguarding**

Safeguarding our children remains our central and paramount priority at Brimsdown. Over the summer, the Department for Education has revised and refreshed its statutory guidance to all schools and colleges. All schools must have careful regard to the latest version of 'Keeping Children Safe in Education 2019' when carrying out their duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. Accordingly we have worked, over the summer, to update our safeguarding policy, practice, training and communication to all staff. The revised version of our substantial safeguarding policy will shortly be available on the Ivy Learning trust website.

The revised safeguarding guidelines state that the School should, where reasonably possible, hold information for two emergency contacts for your child/ren, which many of you have already given. However, we would be hugely grateful if you could speak with the office and provide additional contact details where possible. Thank you.

### **Gates**

Breakfast Club doors open at 7:45 and then the gates open at 8.30am for everyone. Children arriving before 8.30am will be taken to breakfast club and parents charged for this. The school gates will be open at 3:00pm each afternoon.

### **Supporting Your Child**

There are two things you must do to help your child:

- Get your child to school on time
- Make sure child attends school every day

You can also support your child by:

- Making sure that your child understands the School Rules
- Keeping in regular contact with your child's teacher: attending consultation meetings; if necessary talk to your child's teacher after school or make an appointment to see them
- Ensuring that the school has up-to-date contact details for you
- Talking with your child about their school day
- Reading regularly with your child – this is the best way to improve their literacy skills
- Encouraging your child to talk to an adult at school if they have difficulty with another child
- Ensuring your child is appropriately dressed for school
- Ensuring your child goes to bed in good time, so they are ready for learning the next day
- Sending in P.E and swimming kits on the correct days